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# H. R. 2689

To impose a one-year moratorium on promulgation of new rules by the  
Health Care Financing Administration.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 1999

Mr. NEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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rules by the Health Care Financing Administration.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Halting HCFA Act  
5 of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON NEW HCFA RULES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Health  
8 Care Financing Administration (directly or through the  
9 Secretary of Health and Human Services) shall not pro-



1 mulgate any rules or regulations that impose new require-  
2 ments under the Social Security Act (other than require-  
3 ments explicitly imposed under such Act, such as updates  
4 and adjustments to annual payment amounts) during the  
5 one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act, unless the Secretary finds that they are needed  
7 to preserve health and safety of individuals in the United  
8 States (such as in the case of lifesaving emergencies).

9 (b) HEARINGS.—During such one-year period, such  
10 Administrator shall gather the new rules or regulations  
11 that the Administrator would like to promulgate and dur-  
12 ing the first six months of that period hold public hearings  
13 in all regions throughout the United States regarding such  
14 rules and regulations and the costs and benefits of promul-  
15 gating them.

16 (c) REPORT.—After conducting such public hearings,  
17 in the seventh month of such one-year period, the Admin-  
18 istrator shall submit to Congress a report regarding such  
19 proposed rules and regulations, including the costs and  
20 benefits associated with them. In promulgating any rules  
21 and regulations after the end of such one-year period, the  
22 Administrator shall consider any comments submitted by  
23 the Congress in response to such report.

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